

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 23, 2008 ("*Office Action*"). Claims 1-28 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-18 and 28 are allowed. The Examiner rejects Claims 19-27. Applicant cancels Claims 19-27 without prejudice or disclaimer and respectfully requests issuance of the remaining claims, all in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement that Claims 1-18 and 28 are allowed. With the cancellation of Claims 19-27, all claims are now in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejects Claims 19-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses and submits that the rejected claims are in fact directed to statutory subject matter. But to hasten issuance of presently allowable subject matter, Applicant cancels Claims 19-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Although no fees are believed to be currently due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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